

## STRATHKINNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Present** L. Walker, J. Houston, K. Topping, A. McArdle, G. Brown, L. Meyer. Fife Councillors A. Verner, A. Clark, J.A. Liston, R. Lawson.

**Apologies** L. Jess, E. Saunders, B. Lawrie.

**Minute of meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024** Approved by K. Topping, seconded by A. McArdle.

**Speeding Traffic at Little Beehive Nursery** Faye Almond of Little Beehive Nursery and Police Constables Dawn Doherty and John Brown attended to discuss the persistent problem of speeding traffic in the area of the Nursery, and in Strathkinness in general. The Nursery has put up signage at the front gate and the Police have provided 'little people' pop-ups, but parents are still concerned and ask if anything more can be done. PC Doherty gave an update on Speed Watch. Fife Council have now confirmed that their current insurance provider is to continue cover for Community Councils for one more year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. However, they have also confirmed that Public Liability Insurance covers Community Councillors only. There are currently six volunteers from Strathkinness and Kincauld, but only two are Community Councillors, and three people are required for each deployment. PC Doherty suggested joining up with neighbouring CC volunteers e.g. Guardbridge and she undertook to look into possibilities to resolve the problem.

**Flooding Problems** The owner of 62A Main Street attended regarding repeated flooding in his garden and that of his neighbour at 62B, which had been reported to the previous CC meeting. Councillor Lawson has received an interim report from Moir Gibson who has arranged for a survey of the entire length of the pipework from Bonfield Road to the Kinnessburn by the CCTV contractor on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Councillor Clark reported that Scottish Water are to put cameras down the sewer at 45 Main Street to find the obstruction and try to improve the flow capacity in the pipes.

**Matters Arising** None

#### **Springfield Homes**

S.75 funding: Mrs Houston will write again to Kate Balsillie to make arrangements for consulting with pupils at the school on their ideas for the play area at Bonfield.

A response is still awaited from the Planning Enforcement Officer about the fenced-off steps from Bonfield Park up to the playing field. Mrs Houston will go back to Sarah Johnson, Access Officer to try to progress this.

Councillor Liston reported that it looks likely that the further 15 affordable homes will go ahead, giving a total of 30.

#### **Standing Items**

**Treasurer's Report** No update.

#### **Village Infrastructure**

The lighting column near the steps at Bonfield Park has been moved, and this has made a significant difference.

Proposed street sign for The Pleasance: Fife Council will not agree to a sign on Main Street with an arrow indicating The Pleasance around the corner, as suggested by the CC. Mrs Houston will write to the two residents who raised this matter to inform them that no further action can be taken.

**Traffic and Transportation** Mrs Houston has responded to Fife Council's consultation on its draft Active Travel Strategy and Action Plan, pressing the case for the inclusion of a cycle/footpath on the High Road to St Andrews. The Community Trust has also made the same representations.

**Community Trust Report** Mrs Lawrie submitted a report confirming that Fife Council has agreed to take over the wildflower border at Bonfield. Several flower tubs are to be removed due to disrepair and lack of volunteers to maintain them; anyone who would like to adopt a tub or water one after it has been planted is invited to contact the Trust.

**Correspondence** Mrs Houston attended an online meeting of Fife Community Councils which discussed several concerns, including the amount of the annual grant from Fife Council and a perceived lack of support from Council officers. The minute of the meeting has been circulated to Community Councillors. A further meeting to discuss forming an Association and a proposed constitution will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> April. As no one is available to represent Strathkinness, our apologies will be submitted.

### **AOCB**

A flowering cherry tree was planted at the play park on 13<sup>th</sup> February in commemoration of the coronation of King Charles. Two pupils from the school attended to help with the planting.

Ms Meyer reported on progress with the new CC website. Community Councillors have made good suggestions for content. She has received excellent support from Digital Fife, and it was agreed to acknowledge this with a donation of £100. Following discussion of the requirement for a privacy policy statement on the website, it was agreed to include the simple sentence 'we will not store your data'. Ms Saunders has volunteered to undertake training with Digital Fife so that she can also update the site.

**Planning Applications** There were no new applications.

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**